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Interim Director

District Ranger
Salmon-Cobalt Ranger District
311 McPherson Street South
Salmon, Idaho 83467

RE: Panther (Big Creek) Hot Springs Geothermal Leasing Project

Dear District Ranger:

Idaho Department of Water Resources appreciates the opportunity to review the scoping package for Panther (Big Creek) Hot Springs proposed geothermal leases. Land leasing is not within the purview of IDWR.

However geothermal exploration and development drilling will require permitting through IDWR and must be done in a manner that is protective of ground water and geothermal resources in the area.

Please contact me if you have questions regarding IDWR geothermal resource drilling permits.

Sincerely;

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Resource Protection Bureau